

Dear Dan,

Kate Sherman will have told you to expect the enclosed statement and background paper. My purpose is to gather endorsers for the statement sufficient to entice CDT or some other established Washington organization to hold another press conference for the triple purpose of (1) influencing Congress to cut-off nuclear test funds and/or issue a resolution urging the US to join the Soviet moratorium, (2) influencing the public to demand US entry into the moratorium, and (3) influencing the White House.

Of course the reputed executive news blackout/censorship of the press conference held for similar purposes on July 29, of which I have only 4th hand knowledge, may have some bearing on whether CDT et al are willing to try another one. Surely, however, the press/networks etc did not pledge to continue its complicity with the White House view indefinitely -- or did they?

Incidentally: you mentioned, when we spoke in Las Vegas on August 5, that Herb York told you that Eisenhower was the first to renounce the '58-'60 moratorium. Reference can be found in (1) Herbert York, "Arms limitation strategies," Physics Today March 1983, p. 29.; and (2) Glenn T. Seaborg, Kennedy, Khrushchev and the Test Ban (Berkeley: U.C. Press, 1981) p 21.

Yours,

Daniel B. Gern